

1 and the geographic representation reflected by the signa-
2 tures were considered interdependent parts of a single
3 recommendation.

4 In arriving at its decisions on this matter, the
5 committee was cognizant of the changing patterns of
6 Maryland's population, a greater urbanization and concentra-
7 tion of population, with the same trends continuing for
8 the foreseeable future.

9 It concluded that five per cent of the number
10 of votes cast in the previous gubernatorial election was
11 a reasonable requirement.

12 The present constitution requires 3 per cent,
13 a figure which is lower than 18 of the 21 other states
14 which permit referendum.

15 Ten states require a five per cent requirement,
16 and six have ten per cent.

17 The other have six per cent.

18 Most of these figures are tied to the vote
19 in the preceding general election for a state-wide
20 official though not necessarily the Governor.

21 The committee recommendation provides that